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- #1. We watch the Bee hasten from flower to flower. Her work, begun in the dawning sunshine receives its crown in the darkness, setting an everlasting example of thrift.
2. They have shaken off the torpor of winter and in the very first days of February the Queen Bee starts laying her eggs.
3. About 16,000 of these ~~shikharu~~ chambers are tenanted by larvae.
4. Spring beholds the birth of thousands of bees --- workers, drones, larvae, nymphs and young princesses have all issued from the flanks of the Queen Bee.
5. The mother of a city.
6. One day a certain part of the population sets forth, leaving behind a sleeping city of males and a storehouse full to the brim with honey.
7. Then the Queen alights and a new home is founded. The swarm pauses for a moment on the threshold of the new abode, describing circles and rejoicing.
8. No time is lost, immediately a labyrinth of complicated buildings is begun -- good ventilation, stores, houses, passageways and streets are carefully worked out by Mrs Bee.
9. Unoccupied worker cells.
10. Unoccupied drone cells.
11. Occupied drone and worker cells.
12. This cell in a few days will give birth to a feeble, powdery-looking object, resulting in no less a personage than the Queen Bee herself.
13. Indelicate and wasteful, sleek and ~~egg~~ corpulent, fully contented with their idle life, the drones or male bees live in magnificent luxury.
14. But these idle fellows who gather no honey or do no work are soon to be put to death. So one morning the workers receive the long expected command.
15. And the wrathful virgins or worker bees massacre the whole worthless lot of males.
16. Upon discovering a drop of honey the worker will immediately gorge herself, filling her reservoir full and conveying it to the provision cells.
17. Each morning the workers sally forth, each to her allotted task, some to the clover fields and others to the snowberry shrubs.
18. The bee makes daily calculation as to a means for obtaining a still greater wealth of the liquid which they bring home on their hind legs.
19. A bee's provision house glistens with a wealth of delicious nectar. Every good hive has from 80 to 100 pounds of honey.
20. Then the Bee Keeper closes the hive for the torpid silence of winter and leaves the bees to their long winter sleep.

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